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**Agenda Item No. 7 (A)**

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Dorrin D. Rolle  
And Members, Community Empowerment &  
Economic Revitalization Committee

**DATE:** July 11, 2006

**FROM:** Kay M. Sullivan  
Director, Clerk of the Board Division

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Commission  
Committee Minutes

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The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Community Empowerment and Economic Revitalization Committee:

June 13, 2006

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**CLERK'S SUMMARY OF**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Community Empowerment & Econ. Revitalization**  
**Cmte.**

Dorrin D. Rolle (2) Chair; Barbara J. Jordan (1) Vice Chair; Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12), Katy Sorenson (8), and Javier D. Souto (10)

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**Tuesday, June 13, 2006**

**2:00 PM**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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**Members Present:** Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Barbara J. Jordan, Dorrin D. Rolle, Katy Sorenson, Sen. Javier D. Souto.

**Members Absent:** Bruno A. Barreiro.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

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**1A      INVOCATION**

**1B      PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**1C      ROLL CALL**

**Report:** *The following staff members were present: County Manager Senior Advisor Cynthia Curry, Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty; and Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw.*

*Chairman Rolle called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.*

*Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty noted in addition to the requested changes in the County Manager's memorandum entitled, "Requested Changes to the Community Empowerment and Economic Revitalization Committee," Agenda Item 2A should be deferred to the September 19, 2006, Committee meeting as requested by Commissioner Edmonson, and Agenda Item 4C should be withdrawn as requested by the County Manager.*

*Commissioner Sorenson invoked the 3-Day Rule on Agenda Item 2B.*

*Hearing no objection, it was moved by Commissioner Diaz that the Committee approve the changes to today's agenda as requested by the County Manager and Commissioners Edmonson and Sorenson. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0, (Commissioners Barreiro and Souto were absent).*

**2      COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

**061517 Resolution Audrey M. Edmonson**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY ALL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AS PART OF THE FY2006 ACTION PLAN, RETURN TO THIS BOARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO FUND THE PROJECTS FROM ALTERNATE SOURCES, AND TO PREPARE A PLAN AMENDMENT REFLECTING THE RECAPTURE OF THOSE CDBG FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 061202]

*Deferred to September 19, 2006**Mover: Diaz**Seconder: Sorenson**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Barreiro, Souto*

**Report:** *During consideration of changes to today's agenda, the Committee deferred the foregoing proposed resolution to the September 19, 2006, Committee meeting at 2:00 p.m. as requested by Commissioner Edmonson.*

2B

**061783 Resolution Dorrin D. Rolle**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF FIFTEEN (15) INFILL HOUSING LOTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 125.38 TO THE MIAMI-DADE EMPOWERMENT TRUST, INC. FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND ACCEPT ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS INCLUDING SECURITY INTERESTS AND MORTGAGES NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COVENANTS RUNNING WITH THE LAND IN THE ATTACHED DEED; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE PROGRAMS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF \$1,500,000 IN SURTAX FUNDS OVER A TWO YEAR PERIOD FOR CONSTRUCTION FINANCING AND OTHER RELATED ASSISTANCE TO POTENTIAL HOMEOWNERS; AND REQUIRING THE MIAMI-DADE EMPOWERMENT TRUST, INC. TO ENTER INTO A JOINT-VENTURE AGREEMENT WITH AN APPROPRIATE AND EXPERIENCED DEVELOPMENT TEAM TO EXPEDITE CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

*3-Day Rule Invoked**Mover: Diaz**Seconder: Sorenson**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Souto, Barreiro*

**Report:** *The 3-Day Rule was invoked by Commissioner Sorenson.*

**3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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3A

**061179 Ordinance**

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31-603 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION BY LOTTERY OF LUXURY LIMOUSINE SEDAN LICENSES AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LOTTERY; AMENDING SECTION 8CC-10 RELATING TO CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF OUT-OF-COUNTY ORIGIN PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO LUXURY LIMOUSINE SEDANS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Diaz*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Barreiro*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Chairman Rolle opened the public hearing.*

*Mr. Carlos Naranja, President, South Florida Concessionaire Association, appeared before the Committee for informational purposes and informed the Committee that he wanted to provide the best service to County's residents and to tourists who visit Miami-Dade County.*

*Mr. Nilo Izquiere, Jr., 7212 SW 21 Street, appeared before the Committee in opposition to the three year luxury sedan limousine lottery which involved the issuance of 42 licenses in 2006, 2007 and 2008. He asked the Committee to allow a permit process for free enterprise.*

*Mr. Enrique Barreto, 18924 NW 57 Avenue, appeared before the Committee in opposition to the foregoing proposed ordinance and urged the Committee to change the regulation to go through a lottery to obtain a permit to operate and to provide taxicab services in Miami-Dade. He noted the industry wanted to adhere to the County's taxicab regulations but did not support a lottery process.*

*Responding to comments made by the speakers, Ms. Cathy Peel, Director, Consumer Services Department, indicated the proposal being offered by the speakers was to see the luxury limousine sedan category to be open-entry meaning any person who met the qualifications should be able to apply for a license without going through a lottery process. She noted the limousine ordinance was created in November 2000 and a policy was developed to limit the number of luxury sedan*

*permits, with a separation between luxury limousine sedan and taxicab services. Mr. Peel pointed out if approved, this proposed ordinance would allow the lottery process to occur and the award of 126 licenses over the next three years.*

*Responding to Commissioner Diaz' comments regarding the maximum number of permits awarded applicant(s) participating in the lottery, Ms. Peel noted the lottery rules allowed an applicant to submit up to 20 entries; therefore, it was possible for applicants to receive more than one luxury sedan license. She provided an overview of the events to occur if an applicant received more than one luxury sedan license through the lottery such as the selling of license permits.*

*Ms. Angela Cruz, a member of the Taxicab Association, 851 Bluebird Avenue, appeared before the Committee, and spoke in opposition of the foregoing proposed ordinance. She noted she supported an open-entry process for taxicabs.*

*Responding to comments made by Ms. Cruz, Ms. Peel clarified that this proposed resolution was limited to the luxury limousine sedan lottery,; that the the taxicab lottery was not before the Committee today. She indicated that she would meet with Ms. Cruz to address her concerns later.*

*Mr. Diego Feliciano, President, South Florida Taxicab Association, appeared before the Committee, and expressed concern regarding the lottery for luxury limousine sedans. Mr. Feliciano indicated that these corporate car operators were soliciting for passengers at a lesser cost than the corporate cars operating in Miami-Dade. He noted attempts to discuss this issue with Palm Beach County officials had been unsuccessful.*

*Responding to Mr. Feliciano's comments, Commissioner Sorenson asked if this proposed ordinance addressed his concern.*

*Mr. Feliciano noted this ordinance did not address his concern. He pointed out that the regulated industry was paying for the enforcement for the unregulated corporate cars, specifically in Palm Beach County. Mr. Feliciano stated a strong message should be to sent to Palm Beach to regulate their corporate cars similar to Miami-Dade or that the commissioners initiate efforts to prohibit taxicab/luxury limousine operators from*

*neighboring counties from picking up passengers in Miami-Dade.*

*Ms. Peel noted the issues raised by Mr. Feliciano were not central to the proposed ordinance before the Committee today. She pointed out attempts were made to address this concern by increasing the penalties for non-compliance. Ms. Peel provided an overview of the foregoing proposed ordinance, which she noted would increase civil penalties for violations committed by taxicab/luxury limousine operators. She explained that the concern raised by Mr. Feliciano was applicable to a different section of the Code that was not before the Committee today.*

*Following Commissioner Jordan's request for a response to Mr. Feliciano's recommendation, Ms. Peel noted staff would not recommend going forward with Mr. Feliciano's recommendation due to the existing tri-county agreement which allowed licensed limousines from surrounding counties (Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade) to pick up in the neighboring counties under certain limited circumstances. Ms. Peel noted the County's counterparts, Palm Beach County, was aware of these problems and they were currently reviewing their code requirements. Ms. Peel also noted she would like to give Palm Beach sufficient time to address this issue.*

*Commissioner Jordan questioned whether it would be helpful to have something from the County Commission urging Palm Beach County to expedite their review.*

*Ms. Peel informed the Committee that the County was very active in enforcement and had issued approximately 240 citations since January 2005 for violations committed by out-of-county operators. She explained that out of county taxicab/luxury limousine operators may come to Miami International Airport for pre-arranged trips; therefore, they could pick up passengers and take them back to their respective county. She concluded noted that the perception that these individuals were operating illegally was not always correct.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding how often staff meet with the other counties, Ms. Peel noted tri-county meetings were held every other month to discuss consumer issues. She noted this issue was discussed*



*extensively over the past two years.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked the County Attorney to work with the Consumer Services Department Director to prepare appropriate legislation urging Palm Beach County to regulate its corporate car industry consistent with the regulations imposed by Miami-Dade County or they would be prohibited from picking up passengers in this County.*

*Ms. Orlee Jedrock, owner, Key Transportation, appeared before the Committee, and concurred with Mr. Feliciano. He said he also opposed the unlimited open-entry that would allow Palm Beach luxury limousine sedans/corporate cars to pick up passengers from this County, and emphasized the need for commissioners to address this issue.*

*Commissioner Diaz noted the recently visited Washington D. C. where he observed that luxury limousine sedan/taxicab operators were not allowed to pick up passengers within certain districts. He noted this proposed ordinance would allow any individual to participate and would create competition for the industry.*

*Ms. Peel informed the Committee that taxicabs were restricted. She noted the Tri-County Agreement had three conditions under which a vehicle from the surrounding counties could operate in Miami-Dade as follows: (1) to drop off passengers; (2) to pick up passengers from the Miami International Airport or the Seaport provided the trips were pre-arranged; and (3) to transport passengers on pre-arranged roundtrip to other destinations such as a hotel. Ms. Peel noted it was the same in the surrounding counties. She reiterated that as proposed, this ordinance provided for a three year limousine lottery and for increased civil penalties for out of county origin violations.*

*Commissioner Diaz expressed that he was not informed enough to make a decision on this ordinance today.*

*Mr. Feliciano clarified, for the record, that he supported the foregoing proposed ordinance.*

*Assistant County Attorney McCarty stated that a separate item would be prepared as requested by Commissioner Jordan.*

*Commissioner Sorenson suggested Ms. Peel arrange a tri-county meeting with the Palm Beach and Broward Counties to discuss this issue.*

*Mr. Isenberg, who did not identify himself, appeared before the Committee and spoke in support of the foregoing proposed ordinance.*

*Chairman Rolle closed the public hearing after hearing no one else wishing to appear before the Committee.*

*The Committee by motion duly made, seconded and carried, proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed ordinance as presented.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked the County Attorney to review and study the issue of changing the number of applications an individual could submit for the lottery of luxury limousine sedan licenses. She also asked that a recommendation be provided on how the County could address this issue.*

*Later in the meeting, Chairman Rolle asked the Consumer Services Department Director to coordinate efforts to schedule a workshop to discuss issues/concerns pertaining to the taxicab industry before the County Commission recessed in July. He also asked the Director to invite members of the taxicab industry to participate in this workshop.*

*Chairman Rolle asked the Consumers Services Department Director to include on the agenda for discussion during the workshop, the availability of taxicabs outside of local hospitals. He also asked that the workshop agenda include discussion regarding the possibility of the County partnering with local financial institutions to finance new taxicabs, as requested by Commissioner Souto.*

*Responding to Commissioner Souto's comments regarding the financing of taxicab, Ms. Peel informed the Committee that the Department had worked with the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) to set-up a low interest loan program. She noted the taxicab firm that won a taxicab lottery license slot could make an application to OCED because there was funding available at an 8% interest rate compared to the market rate of 12%.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked that the workshop agenda include a discussion regarding the existing tri-county agreement between the County and West Palm Beach, Broward and other neighboring counties.*

*Commissioner Diaz asked this workshop agenda include a discussion regarding the need for taxicabs/limousines operators to comply with laws governing transponders.*

3B

**061180 Ordinance**

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31-82 (P) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETION AND CONSIDERATION OF TAXICAB STUDY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Sorenson*  
*Seconder: Rolle*  
*Vote: 5-0*  
*Absent: Barreiro*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Chairman Rolle opened the public hearing, and after hearing no one wishing to appear before the Committee, he closed the public hearing.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed ordinance as presented.*

3C

**061521 Ordinance**

ORDINANCE RELATING TO TEMPORARY LIMOUSINE LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 31-613 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PRESCRIBE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE APPROVAL AND ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY LIMOUSINE LICENSES FOR SUPER BOWLS AND OTHER MAJOR SPECIAL EVENTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Seconder: Diaz*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Barreiro*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Chairman Rolle opened the public hearing, and after hearing no one wishing to appear before the Committee, he closed the public hearing.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed ordinance as presented.*

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3D

**061658 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INCREASE IN THE BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) RATE CHARGED BY PRIVATE AMBULANCE PROVIDERS AND ESTABLISHING A NEW BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) EMERGENCY RATE (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Diaz*

*Vote: 5-0*

*Absent: Barreiro*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Chairman Rolle opened the public hearing, and after hearing no one wishing to appear before the Committee, he closed the public hearing.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding the increase in cost for services, Ms. Cathy Peel, Director, Consumer Services Department, provided an overview of the foregoing proposed resolution that would amend the rate scheduled for private ambulance providers. She indicated this resolution also recommended the creation of a new category for ambulance transportation services called Basic Life Support (BLS) Emergency and this would only apply to the back-up for the 911 contract.*

*Commissioner Jordan questioned whether the insurance would cover this additional increase or whether the additional cost would be passed on to the consumer.*

*Ms. Peel stated that 35% of ambulance transport involved Medicare clients; therefore, the cost to Medicare or Medicaid recipient on BLS rate would not change. She noted the balance of the emergency transports would be paid by private insurance.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.*

*Chairman Rolle asked Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, to prepare the appropriate memorandum asking Board of County Commission (BCC) Chairman Joe A. Martinez to waive the Committee's rules and procedures to allow the foregoing proposed resolution to be considered at the June 20, 2006, BCC meeting.*

**4 DEPARTMENTS**

4A

**061559 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-24; PERTAINING TO RESPONSIBLE WAGES AND BENEFITS ON COUNTY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (Business Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Diaz*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Barreiro, Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.*

*Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry regarding enough human resource for enforcement, Ms. Marsha Jackman, Director, Department of Business Development, stated the Department had adequate resources to enforce the provisions of Administrative Order 3-24 pertaining to responsible wages and benefits on County construction contracts.*

4B

**061639 Resolution**

RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF THE NON-EXCLUSIVE CABLE TELEVISION LICENSE OF BELLSOUTH ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, A 100% SUBSIDIARY OF BELLSOUTH CORPORATION, TO AT&T, INC., AND EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE LICENSE TO OCTOBER 17, 2007 (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Diaz*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Barreiro, Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.*

4C

**061654 Resolution**

RESOLUTION DECLARING THIRTY THREE COUNTY-OWNED LOTS IDENTIFIED IN INVITATION TO BID NO. 8, UNDER THE INFILL HOUSING INITIATIVE SURPLUS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOTS IN GROUP 1 TO GOL MARKETING, LLC, GROUPS 3 AND 5 TO MD DEVELOPERS, LLC, GROUPS 4 AND 6 TO GEC INVESTMENT, INC., GROUPS 7 AND 10 TO VES ENTERPRISES, INC., GROUP 8 TO ALL STATE FLORIDA BUILDERS, INC., AND GROUP 9 TO LLANES AND COMPANY, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF ALL COUNTY LIENS PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-126 OF THE CODE; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH SAME; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF COUNTY DEEDS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (General Services Administration Department)

*Withdrawn**Mover: Diaz**Seconder: Sorenson**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Barreiro, Souto*

**Report:** *During consideration of changes to today's agenda, the Committee withdrew the foregoing proposed resolution as requested by the County Manager.*

4D

**061673 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY'S (MDHA) SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN SUBJECT TO US HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (US HUD) FINAL APPROVAL; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN TO US HUD FOR FINAL APPROVAL; AND AUTHORIZING THE MDHA DIRECTOR TO MODIFY AND APPROVE CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY REGULATORY AMENDMENTS OR COURT RELATED CHANGES (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Diaz*

*Second: Sorenson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Barreiro, Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*The Committee by motion duly made, seconded and carried, proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding the inclusion of the one-strike policy in the Miami-Dade Housing Agency's Section 8 Administrative Plan, Mr. Rodolfo Perez, Deputy Director, Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA), noted the one-strike policy was included in the MDHA Section 8 Administrative Plan.*

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**061674 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY'S (MDHA) 2006-2007 PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY (PHA) PLAN SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY US HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (US HUD); AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE PLAN TO US HUD FOR FINAL APPROVAL (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Second: Diaz*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Barreiro, Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.*



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**061675 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF \$1,160,000 FROM SURTAX FUNDS TO SANTA CLARA APARTMENTS II, LTD. FOR THE SANTA CLARA APARTMENTS II DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Diaz*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Barreiro, Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted she received a report from the County Manager's Office that staff was in the process of reviewing Surtax funds to determine the expenditures and the remaining balance that was available. She indicated that she did not expect any items to come forth for consideration until the review was completed.*

*Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager informed the Committee that staff was reviewing the Surtax funds and the report had not been forwarded for Committee review. Ms. Curry noted this proposed resolution was before the Committee prematurely because staff had not presented the final report regarding the status of the Surtax funds.*

*Commissioner Jordan stressed the need for the County to review these types of items closely based upon the information contained in the report.*

*The Committee by motion duly made, seconded and carried, proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.*

*Chairman Rolle expressed concern regarding other future proposal authorizing the use of the Surtax funds. He noted Agenda Item 2B which was 3-Day Ruled address the remaining 31 lots located in Commission District 2.*

*Responding to Chairman Rolle's comments, Ms. Curry noted that some of the concerns regarding the Surtax funds stemmed from the fact that this ordinance did not go through the Request for Application (RFA) process. She noted this method was beginning to compete with the funds previously allocated to other projects. Therefore, a cash flow review process needed to occur to*

*ensure that those items that go through the RFA process and those items coming directly from the Commission do not cause the County to have insufficient Surtax funding to support every item. Ms. Curry concluded by stating that it was a concern and staff was reviewing those items outside of the RFA which actually worked against the competitive process in order to distribute those funds.*

*Chairman Rolle stressed the need to move forward with housing for the HOPE VI project to provide housing to those displaced residents.*

*Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager requested the Committee to request the Board of County Commission (BCC) Chairman Joe A. Martinez to waive the Committee's rules and procedures to allow the foregoing proposed resolution to be considered at the June 20, 2006, BCC meeting.*

*Commissioner Diaz noted the availability of housing projects in Commission District 12 and that staff should begin to address this need in District 12.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, to prepare a comprehensive report for the Committee's review, identifying the amount of funding transferred from Surtax dollars without going through the RFA/RFP process and the entities that received those dollars, particularly non-profit organizations. She also asked Ms. Curry to prepare a policy with consistent guidelines to require all recipients of infill lots to begin construction on those lots within a prescribed timeframe, not to exceed two years, and to include a clause to revert infill lots to the County if construction had not begun within the prescribed two-year period.*

*Ms. Curry noted this report would include the number of units built as a result of Surtax dollars allocated to entities or non-profit organizations and provide Commissioner Jordan with a special report before the next Committee meeting.*

## **5 COUNTY MANAGER**

5A

**061676 Resolution**

RESOLUTION ALLOCATING \$300,000 OF GENERAL FUND RESERVE FOR PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING TO TRG – THE LOFT LTD. FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOFT AT K PLACE CONDOMINIUM LOCATED AT 230-234 NE 3RD STREET MIAMI, FLORIDA; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS OR AMENDMENTS FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (County Manager)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Souto, Barreiro*

**6 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**7 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

7A

**061709 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING(S):

MAY 16, 2006

*Approved*

*Mover: Diaz*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Barreiro, Souto*

**8 REPORTS**

8A

**061409 Report**

SEAPORT ACCESS/FREIGHT STAKEHOLDERS FORUM  
REPORT (County Manager)

**Report Received****Mover: Sorenson****Seconder: Diaz****Vote: 4-0****Absent: Barreiro, Souto**

**Report:** Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing report into the record.

Mr. Bill Johnson, Acting Director, Miami-Dade County Seaport Department, presented the foregoing report entitled, "Seaport Access/Freight Stakeholders Forum Report." He noted the interest from the participants to hold a second public forum that would be more interactive with the public-at-large and the stakeholders to gain more input. Mr. Johnson indicated the potential date for the next forum would be July 2006, and to have the consultant make a presentation to the Committee and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) because it did have a significant regional transportation impact. Mr. Johnson pointed out a report would be provided to the MPO at one of its meetings.

Commissioners Sorenson, Jordan and Diaz congratulated Mr. Johnson on his appointment as Acting Director for the Seaport Department.

Mr. Johnson thanked County Manager George Burgess for the appointment and noted the dedicated staff at the Port.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

8B

**061647 Report**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAFEGUARDS RELATED  
TO CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP OF COMPANIES  
HOLDING STEVEDORE PERMITS AT THE DANTE B.  
FASCELL PORT OF MIAMI-DADE (County Manager)

*Deferred to July 11, 2006*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Barreiro, Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Mr. Bill Johnson, Acting Director, Miami-Dade County Seaport Department, requested that the foregoing report be deferred to the next Committee meeting to allow the opportunity to meet with the existing six companies on the Port who actually held stevedore permits at the Dante B. Fascell Port of Miami-Dade. He noted the objective was to increase security safeguards to changes in ownership of companies holding stevedore permits.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee voted to defer the foregoing report to the July 11, 2006, Committee meeting at 2:00 p.m. as requested by Mr. Johnson.*

8C

**061677 Report**

ORAL REPORT RE: TAXICAB OPERATIONS AT THE  
PORT OF MIAMI (County Manager)

**Report Received**

**Mover: Diaz**

**Seconded: Sorenson**

**Vote: 4-0**

**Absent: Barreiro, Souto**

**Report:** Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing report into the record.

Mr. Bill Johnson, Acting Director, Miami-Dade County Seaport Department, presented the foregoing oral report entitled, "Taxicab Operations at the Port of Miami." He noted the Department was committed to customer service, satisfaction and excellence in the way the County and the cruise industry deliver service. Mr. Johnson stated that staff would work closely with the Consumer Services Department Director Cathy Peel to ensure that taxicabs operated efficiently at the Port. He informed the Committee that he had two meetings with Carnival Cruise to discuss the issue of taxicab operations at the Port. Mr. Johnson concluded by stating that a comprehensive report regarding the foregoing issue would be provided to the Committee.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

**9 OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Report:** Commissioner Diaz noted the first time in history for Miami there would be the commissioning of a ship called United States Gridley in February 2007 during the 2007 Super Bowl Football weekend. He introduced the United States Naval Commander Steve Schnago (phonetic).

U.S. Naval Commander Schnago appeared before the Committee and introduced the crew of the ship. He also provided an overview of the U.S. Gridley operations.

Commissioner Diaz noted his intent to obtain a fee waiver for the docking of the ship at the Port of Miami next fiscal year.

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**ADJOURNMENT**